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The effect of heat on albumen has a bearing on the cleansing of dishes soiled with egg. The egg-beater or the spoon used in eating egg becomes most difficult to wash if put into hot water, while cold water used first dissolves and loosens the material. The same thing is true of the milk-bottle. Rinsed first in cold water, it becomes easy to cleanse in hot water.

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THE FRANKLIN GOWN

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HAVING been called to several obstetrical and operative cases without due notice, I have found the need of a proper gown for such occasions.

So often with a small amount of time, a small space where we can have few tables, and no assistant given us, we are expected to have everything surgically clean. This is almost impossible with some cases. To have no one to assist, no tables or space for tables upon which to place our dressings, and yet infect neither patient nor dressings, is a difficulty that not a few nurses have found it hard to overcome.

The little improvements I have made to the gown, as shown in the illustrations, will in part remove a great deal of the difficulty.

There are no gathers at the neck, and the gown will not fall forward and sweep the floor or the surrounding furniture. But the greatest of all the improvements is in the pockets, and, as will be seen in the pictures, the pockets are made with large flaps to be buttoned down. The pockets can be used for any dressings, but in an obstetrical case I have arranged to have plain and iodoform intra-uterine packing in No. 1, the tape for tying the cord in No. 2, safety-pins in No. 3, sterilized towel in No. 5, and No. 4 to contain a vulva pad and gauze sponges. All of these can be done up in separate covers and placed in the pockets and the pockets buttoned down and all sterilized together. Thus, you see, we have overcome the necessity for tables and an assistant. If it is a case where we are to remain clean, we have our sterilized gown and all of our dressings complete, and if we are not to remain clean, we have the gown to protect our uniform, and yet our dressings remain clean and within reach of the hand, and can be taken from the pockets and the outside cover unfastened and clean dressings handed to the operator as needed. Even where we have plenty of room and assistance it will be found to be a great convenience and to save much time and confusion.